U. S. OWNERSHIP OF ROADS DISCUSSED

Tederal Guarantee of Interest Also Suggested at Newlands Hearing.

THOM AND SIMS IN TILT

Congressman Insists Carriers of Country Are Returning Large Dividends.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 .- The feasibilty of Government ownership of railroads and the probability of Government ment, were the subjects uppermost in the hearings to-day before the Newlands joint committee. Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Southern, who appears for the railway executives' advisory committee, was the witness again to-day and Representative Sims was the finguisitor.

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Mr. Sims, who has appeared at times in the hearings to favor Government ownership, admitted to-day that it had been a failure the only times it had ever been tried in the United States. He did not appear to have any definite remedy, and insisted that the railroads were re-

"You paid \$1,000,000 in dividends last pear," he suggested to Mr. Thom. "But you forget that many of the roads, a large number of them, paid no dividends." Mr. Thom replied.
"Do you think the railroads ought to continue to pay dividends at the expense of proper equipment for handling traffic." Mr. Sims asked.

"You cannot get new money for the roads unless you pay something once in a while on the money already invested," retorted Mr. Thom.

ima Shows Tact.

Mr. Sims refused to admit that he fa-vored Government ownership. He kept coming back to direct questions concern-ing his attitude with the statement that

in their programme for legislation. "We are asking Federal regulation in the interest of the States to preserve the rights of all the States from the burdens which some of the States might wish to impose," said Mr. Thom, "but you are advocating Government ownership. reby extinguishing all of the rights

Mr. Sims seemed uncomfortable under these suggestions and insisted on com-paring the Federal ownership of rail-ways with the rural free delivery sere, which he averred was popular with

U. S. Guaranty Suggested.

"But I have never felt that there would be any guaranty of dividends by the Government; do you think Con-gress would ever authorize a guaranty of dividends?"

"I do not," was Mr. Sims's reply. "I simply suggested it as one possible measure of relief if everything else failed."

Mr. Thom insisted the best way was to give a more helpful policy to private

ownership.

"You cannot judge a system of private ownership from results under a policy of correction and punishment," said he. "It can be judged only under a policy in which the Government gives proper help and encouragement, and if private ownership breaks down then Government ownership is inevitable. It

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"It has not, but it will certainly break down unless there is a change of policy." replied Mr. Thom.

Mr. Thom said the railway policy of the country should be so shaped as to attract and hold the men who are content with a small return on their investment if it be secure. The time had gone by when the investor who was willing to take a risk in the hope of big returns could be induced to take railway securities. One certain way to at. way securities. One certain way to at tain this result was for the Governmen to take over and guarantee the return.

Killed by Explosion in Furnace.

Harry George, of Kenzsel avenue, West vutley, N. J., was killed yesterday when an elevator plunger exploded in a fur-nace in the plant of the Otis Elevator Company at 252 Eleventh avenue where he was employed as a blacksmith. Michael Slattery of 762 Grand street. Brooklyn, his helper, lost his left eye and received severe burns and contunions. William Houts, the foreman, of 724 kFranklin avenue, Brooklyn, also was in-

BENJ. F. NORRIS SUED BY BRIDE OF ROMANCE

Wife of a Malt Dealer Named as Corespondent in Divorce Action.

Mrs. Mary Hope Norris, a member of well to do Southern family, has begur suit for divorce from Benjamin P. Norsuit for divorce from Benjamin F. Norris, her second husband. In her complaint, published yesterday, Mrs. Norris
mentions Fearl Margaret Shontal, wife
of Max Shontal, a wealthy dealer in
mait and hops at 116 Broad street.
It was in The Towers, an apartment
house at 1 West Ninety-fourth street,
where Mrs. Shontal lives, that Mrs. Norris alleges the misconduct occurred on
March 15 last. Mrs. Norris also speaks
of a trip by her husband to Connecticut
and says another instance of his infideiity occurred when he was in the company of an "unknown" woman in a
hotel in West Forty-seventh street.
Mrs. Norris was born about forty

FOR COMPTROLLER

Will Run With or Without Support of Tammany, He Says.

Bird S. Coler, former Comptroller o New York city and former Borough President of Brooklyn, announced yes-terday that he will be a candidate for Comptroller at the coming election. He wants the support of Tammany Hail, he states, but if he cannot get that support he will run in the primaries as an inde-pendent candidate.

Mr. Coler in his announcement sub-mits the platform on which he will seek

ing his attitude with the statement that ing his attitude with the statement that Mr. Thom and the railways had said that Government ownership would inevitably result if the relief asked were not given.

"And the railroad owners will not sell to the Government at a fair value," said Mr. Coler in his announcement submits the glatform on which he will seek to be a candidate and in the platform he miss the influence of the Rockefeller Foundation in attempting to run the present city government and also indicate the present city government and gover

Woman May Cast Kansas Ballot. TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 29.—A woman probably will go to Washington to represent Kansas in the Presidential electoral college. Hubert Lardner, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, said to-day preparations were being made to choose Mrs. R. C. Layman of Hutchinson to represent the Kansas electors. Mrs. Layman is the first woman to be caused as a Presidential elector in the

ways with the rural free delivery service, which he averred was popular with Southern farmers.

A letter was read from Benjamin Strong of the New York reserve bank, written from Colorado, in which Mr. Strong suggested that interest rates following the war would go upward, and that it would be more difficult for the railroads to command capital. He suggested that the joint committee might very profitably look into the effect of the close of the war on higher rates of interest and on railway investments at home and abroad.

Mr. Sims asked Mr. Thorn what he thought of a government guaranty of railway issues for a period, say, of thirty or forty years, insuring a minimum return on the investment of 4 per cent., the Government to have a first lien on the earnings of the road to reimburse itself. Mr. Thom said it would "help tremendously."

Southern Farst woman is the first woman to be named as a Presidential elector in the State.

Britt Gets an Injunction

Salisbury. N. C., Nov. 29.—A temporary injunction and restraining order was issued in the Rowan County Superior Court to-day against the State Board of Elections, Gov. Craig and the Secretary of State, to prevent issuance of a certificate of election to Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, as member of Congress from the Tenth North Carolina district, because of disputed returns from Buncombe county. Representative J. J. Britt, Republican, claims election.

N. H. for Wilson by 56.

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Concord, N. H., Nov. 29.—The plurality for Wilson electors in New Hampshire has been reduced from 63 to 56 by corrected official returns. Fig. es made public to-day by Secretary of State Bean showed that Hughes electors received 307 instead of 301 votes in Ward Twelve, Manchester, and 24 instead of 23 at Groton. The recount of the State's vote, petitioned by Republican leaders, is to begin December 4. can leaders, is to begin December 4.

PRISON FOR CUSTOMS FRAUD. Hawbys Are Sentenced for Ship-

ping Rubber as Baggage. Having pleaded guilty to shipping dental rubber as passenger's baggage on Scandinavian-American liners, Kay V. Hawby, a Dane, and his brother Axel Government ownership is inevitable. It cought not to be accepted until after private ownership has failed."

"But hasn't private ownership already prison sentences to be imposed on shippers who violated United States cusples down."

blockade.

At the same time Judge Thomas sus-pended sentence in the case of Willie Westerlund, steward on the liner Stock-Westerlund, steward on the liner stora-holm, who confessed to having aided the Hawbys. The court also imposed a fine of \$50 on Herbert T. Ramm, who pleaded guilty to snipping crude rubber pleaded guilty to shipping or under similar circumstances.

NEW FERRY LINE PLANNED.

Will Connect Verplanck's Point and Tompking Cove. PERKEKILL, Nov. 29.—Plans have been completed, it was announced in Peeks-kill to-day, for opening a vehicular ferry line across the Hudson River in ferry line across the Hudson River in April between Verplancks Point, south of Peekskill, and Tompkins Cove.
Calvin Tomkins, Commissioner of Bucks and Ferries in New York city linder Mayor Gaynor, is tressurer of the new ferry company. A large Lacksawanna ferryboat now plying the lower Hudson, will be used.

GUARDSMEN AGREE SYSTEM IS FAILURE

Members of Returning Seventh Say Compulsory Training Is Nation's Hope.

'ALL MUST SHARE ALIKE"

Col. Fisk Says He Believes All Members of Regiment Share His Views.

ight hands and assure their joyful relaives that they'll never reenlist, so he them, and that the militia is going to die for lack of recruits, what they say should be seriously considered but not

onstrued too literally. Right in the armory of the Seventh few York Regiment it was recalled yeserday that men of the militia talked ndeed slow for a long time, but eventually it picked up and the regiments re-

ally it picked up and the regiments regained a fairly adequate peace roster.

The truth is that at the immediate moment most of the Seventh's men feel as if they had all the soldiering they need and will drop out for good when their period of enlistment is ended. But presently—so some of the older officers said yesterday—the hardships and the apparent footlesmess of the long Texan sojourn will be erased and their memories will retain only the fun and novelty and hard richness of their exile and knowledge of the good it did their bodies.

Hay 2111 Called Faiture.

This does not apply, of course, to those of the commission at a limited to week. The company has already notified the commission that it will not accept the commany in granted or the company takes the case to court the question will not be settled for more than a year. The reduction was to take effect December 1.

Among the reasons given by the commission was without jurisdiction to make the order; that no evidence was addisced at the hearings showing that the example of the cost of rendering the service; that the rates fixed by the commission are unjust discriminatory.

This does not apply, of course, to those who lost their jobs or whose families suffered through their absence. Of such men, however, there are fewer in the Seventh than perhaps in any other regi-ment that was called into the Federal

But there is one matter in which the whole regiment, from Col. Fisk down, is whole regiment, are managing convinced. Government ownership would inevitably and the railroad ewners will not sail to the Government at a fair value," said the railroad ewners will not sail to the Government at a fair value," said the railroad ewners will not sail to the Government at a fair value," said the sail to the Government at a fair value," said the sail to the Government at a fair value," said the sail to the Government at a fair value," said the sail to the Government at a fair value," said the care in the post of the post of the care in the post of the pos unanimously and permanently convinced. That is that the United States is never

There is no more naturally athletic militia regiment, none better trained and disciplined, than the Seventh.

Their Training Invaluable.

Yet they have been acting as first line Texas, so far as there was any frost line. That is, the guard units have been under the direction of Major-Gen. Funston, doing and liable to do the same work as the regulars. In case of war work as the regulars. In case of war they would have been thrown into actual fighting. Without throwing any bouquets at themselves, the returning guardsmen feel that they could now acquit themselves about as well as regulars with border experience.

But it is through no virtue in the present avatem, they say, that they had one

ent system, they say, that they had op-portunity to toughen and perfect them-selves at McAllen instead of being thrown at an enemy soft and unprepared. They have only criticism for a system which constructs a first line of relatively

inexperienced men.
"The National Guard," said an officer,
"is made up of men who in age and
responsibilities are in a normal second The first line in every country shows military comprehension is

Pavors Compulsory Service. . "Personally I believe that every able bodied young man between the ages of 18 and 25 should be required to have two months of actual military training the first year, a month the second year, two weeks the third year and then to be on reserve. The enthusiasts among thes would serve to keep up the Nationa Guard. There is certainly neither fair



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ness nor preparedness in the present system. Secretary of War Baker said a good thing when he remarked, 'Every man has got to have a stake in his

man has got to have a stake in his country.

"It is neither right nor fair that business men should be penalized for their patriodism through making serious financial sacrifices to do the work of professional soldiers while all the time there is hanging over their heads the possibility that they will be called out for the same thing again.

"The work of a professional soldier is distinct from that of the militia soldier in that the regular is willing to be placed indefinitely upon border patrol duty, for example, while the civillan did not ensist for police work, but for an emergency. We are told that there was an emergency this time and we have to believe it, but that does not alter the situation.

tion.
"I the civilian were better satisfied to
do the routine work of a soldier than his
own business he would be a soldier instead of a civilian. But the fact that he
is a civilian and has every desire to re-When guardsmen just back from five months on the Mexican border raise their right hands and assure their joyful rais.

EDISON COMPANY APPEALS.

aka for Rebearing on Order to R duce Electric Rates.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn yesterday pe-titioned the Public Service Commission just as dismally when they returned for a rehearing on the commission's order of October 27 directing the company to reduce its rates for electric cursingled slow for a long time, but eventu-indeed the Funite Service Commission's for a long time for a long time for a long time. commission at its meeting next

week.

The company has already notified the

the commission are unjust, discriminatory and unreasonable, and that if the re-duction order is obeyed it will not per-mit of a fair return on the money actually invested.

LOEFFLER IS CONFRONTED.

deets Chief Clerk of Brokerage

tined hours to-day Gov. Whitman listened to but appeals for mercy for Charles F. Stiets men realize now, as they never did low, now in the death house of Sing before, how inadequate is volunteer mili-tia training for the severity of field D. Phelps of West Shelby, Orleans service.

| D. Phelps of West Shelby, Orleans county, and his housekeeper, Mrs. Mar-garet Wolcott. Gov. Whitman reserved

Stielow is under sentence to die the week of December 11, and those who week of December 11, and those who have made a vigorous fight to save his life said to-day that this is their last attempt. They urged that Stielow is of weak mentality, that his actions before and after the murders were not those of a guilty persons, that a grave doubt of his guilt has been raised by the confession of Erwin King, which King afterward recanted.

District Attorney Knickerbocker argued against interfering with the decision and sentence of the courts, and said that Stielow's guilt had been proved.

BOISSEVAIN SERVICE DELAYED. Women Suffragists Defer Memorial

Until Next Week. The Congressional Union for Woma Suffrage announced yesterday that line. The first line in every country which shows military comprehension is composed of younger, hardier and relatively unattached men, who have been trained and who in necessary number serve in the ranks for emergencies, with the responsibility of holding off an enemy until the military resources of the country can be mobilised. Such a system, or modification of such a system. brother, said last night he had had no further word, and knew nothing beyond the fact that Eugen Bossevain and Miss Vida Milholland had started from Los Angeles Monday, and that the parents meant to follow with their daughter's body on Tuesday.



Trade Commission Aid Industrial Operation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 .- Commercal odles of the country through a ref- Daniels awarded contracts to-day for erendum sent by the Chamber of Com- more than \$65,000,000 worth of new nerce of the United States will have an fighting ships for the navy, including opportunity to vote for or against the 4 battleships at \$11,000.000 each, report of a special committee which 2 feet submarines at approximately recommends that there should be reme-dial legislation to permit coopera-tive agencies under Federal supervision at from \$694,000 to \$698,000 each. With dial legislation to permit cooperative agencies under Federal supervision in those industries which involve primary natural resources, on condition that the agreements in fact tend to conserve the resources, to lessen accidents and to promote the public interest.

The plan is to make it possible for the Federal Trade Commission to go beyond its present powers of investigation and to formulate constructive plans under which an industry may operate to the common benefit of consumers, workmen and producers.

The committee making the report is headed by W. L. Saunders of New York, chairman of the board of directors of the Ingersoli-Rand Company, and formerly president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. The other members are William B. Clark, professor of geology at Johns Hopkins University and geologist for the State of Maryland; John H. Fahey, a newspaper publisher of Boston and formerly president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Charles S. Keith, a lumberman and coal operator of Kansas City, president of the Southern Pine

lumberman and coal operator of Kan-sas City, president of the Southern Pine Association, and Dr. Charles P. V. Association, and Dr. Charles R. Van Hise, a well known geologist and presi-

dent of Wisconsin University.

This committee confined its study to timber, the ores and deposits of useful metals and the deposits of minerals which are a source of heat, light and The committee has in mind remedial

legislation which would in no sense encroach upon State jurisdiction but which, when these enterprises through their entrance upon interstate trade become subject to Federal statutes, would declare legal the situations that are in question in the event that certain condiions have been met.
It is contended by the committee that the course of the last twenty-five

ears the competition which increases saste of natural resources and height-ess danger to life and limb among opertives has grown in breadth and inten-The quantities of products this country's natural resources are called upon
to furnish have greatly increased during the years which have elapsed since
general legislation dealing with interstate trade was enacted. The production
of coal from American mines has increased almost fivefold, while the population has increased less than 70 per
cent. During the last quarter of a century the yearly drain upon our sources.

Proposal Is to Have Federal American Yards Can Handle All Craft Congress Has Approved.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. - Secretary

Contracts for two battleships each were awarded to-day to the New York Shipbuilding Company and the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Com-pany. Secretary Daniels announced that the companies had agreed to the Department's specifications calling for turbo-electric propulsion. It was this point which delayed the awards. The new battleships will be sister

ships to the California and Tennessee, now under construction, except that they will be fitted to carry eight 16 inch rifles instead of tweive 14 inch. They will displace about 32,500 tons. The Department now is considering plans for the 1918 ships, three in number, with indications that they will be of 40,000 tons displacement, carry twelve 16 inch guns, and make twenty-three to twentyfour knots an hour instead of twenty-one knots, the present battleship stand-ard of the navy.

Three of the new submarines will be built by the California Shipbuilding Company of Long Beach, Cal.: eighteen coast and one \$50 ton fleet submersible went to the Electric Boat Company of New York, and the remaining six small boats and one \$50 tonner went to the Lake Torpedo Boat Company of Bridge-

The two fleet submarines will be of tury the yearly drain upon our sources, the so-called \$00 ton type and similar of petroleum has increased sixfold and, in size to the German U-53, which in size to the German U-53, which called recently at Newport, R. L. before

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ON CONSERVATION

WARSHIPS AWARDED

U. S. Chamber of Commerce
Submits Remedial Legislation
Plan to Referendum.

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Martine A raid on allied commerce off Nantucket. A third boat of this size will be laid down at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, where the L-S is nearing completion. The type is experimental and for comparison with the 1,300 ton Schley now being built for the navy with a required surface speed of twenty knots against sixteen for the \$00 ton type.

The conet aubmarines will range between 475 and \$50 tons, according to design, being substantially similar to the most recent submersibles of the L class completed for the navy.

Any apprehension that might have existed in the Navy Department as to the dimentifies that might be encountered in carrying out the Buse naval building programme has given way to the conviction of the warping within a certain resisted time has failed to accomplish the desired purpose.

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U. S. Ambassador James W. Gerard

New York, Nov. 27, 1916

HON. GEORGE B. M'CLELLAN,

Chairman American Relief Committee.

The work of the American Relief Committee for the purpose of alleviating suffering among the widows and orphans in Germany has my unqualified endorsement. There is real need in Germany for this work. There are probably over a million widows and orphans who have been left practically penniless by reason of the death of their protectors at the front. True enough, the Government awards a small pension to these widows, but it is not nearly enough to keep the wolf from the door. We are endeavoring to feed these destitute people through the medium of relief kitchens in Berlin and other German towns. Every cent contributed will be used for the purpose, without one cent of expense deducted.

The money will be sent to Berlin by wireless and I will distribute it in Germany through the United States Consuls there wherever the need is greatest. I shall be careful to let the German public know from whence the money comes and I hope the Germans will come to realize that the people of America sympathize with the suffering and needs of the widows and orphans everywhere and are willing to ameliorate such conditions wherever found.

Every cent will be appreciated and the sooner the fund is placed in operation the greater must be the satisfaction of those who contribute, knowing that every day adds to the suffering of these poor people.

Yours Very Sincerely.

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JOH	N D. CRIMMINS, Treasurer, American Relief Committee, 13 Park Row, New York City
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